

Nos. 16-56057 & 16-56287

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**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

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Michael Skidmore, as Trustee for the Randy Craig Wolfe Trust,  
*Plaintiff, Appellant and Appellee,*

v.

Led Zeppelin *et al.*,  
*Defendants and Appellees,* and  
Warner/Chappell Music, Inc.,  
*Defendant, Appellee and Appellant.*

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On Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Central District of California  
The Honorable R. Gary Klausner  
No. 15-cv-03462 RGK (AGRx)

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**Motion for Leave to File Brief *Amici Curiae* of  
the Recording Industry Association of America and  
the National Music Publishers Association  
in Support of the Petition for Rehearing En Banc**

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## **MOTION**

1. The RIAA is a nonprofit trade organization representing the American recording industry. RIAA members create, manufacture, and distribute approximately 85% of all legitimate recorded music produced and sold in the United States. The RIAA works to protect the intellectual property and First Amendment rights of artists and music labels, and promotes the ability of the record industry to invest in new artists and new music. The RIAA's members depend on copyrights to protect the valuable performances embodied in sound recordings in which they have invested and created in collaboration with musicians, songwriters, and other artists.”

Founded in 1917, the National Music Publishers' Association (NMPA) is the principal trade association representing the U.S. music publishing and songwriting industry. Its membership consists of hundreds of music publishers who own or administer the vast majority of musical compositions licensed for commercial use in the United States.

2. Both the RIAA and the NMPA, and their many members, have a shared interest in protecting copyrighted works and in helping

copyright law develop in ways that clarify the law's boundaries. Indeed, the RIAA and the NMPA are in an unusually good position to argue how the decision in this case will affect composers, recording artists, music publishing companies, and record companies, far beyond those involved in this case.

3. Defendants have consented to the filing of this *amici* brief, but plaintiffs have declined to consent.

Respectfully Submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I electronically filed the foregoing Motion for Leave to File Brief *Amici Curiae* with the Clerk of the Court for the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit by using the appellate CM/ECF system on November 5, 2018.

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